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Durham Police Make Arrest in April Homicide

Durham police have arrested a man in connection with an April homicide on South LaSalle Street.

Investigators arrested Rakeem Montel Best, 20, of Durham around noon today. He has been taken to the Durham County Jail.

Officers were dispatched to a shooting call around 9:10 p.m. on April 18 at Duke Manor Apartments, 311 South LaSalle Street. When they arrived, they found a male – JeJuan Jonteil Taylor Jr., 19, of Durham – shot inside a vehicle near Building 44. Taylor was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators determined that it was not a random incident.

Two other people – Hope Farley, 19, of Durham and Thomas Antwan Clayton, 21, of Morrisville – were arrested in April and charged with murder in connection with this case. Farley and Clayton were both also charged with conspiring to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Farley and Clayton remain incarcerated in the Durham County Jail.